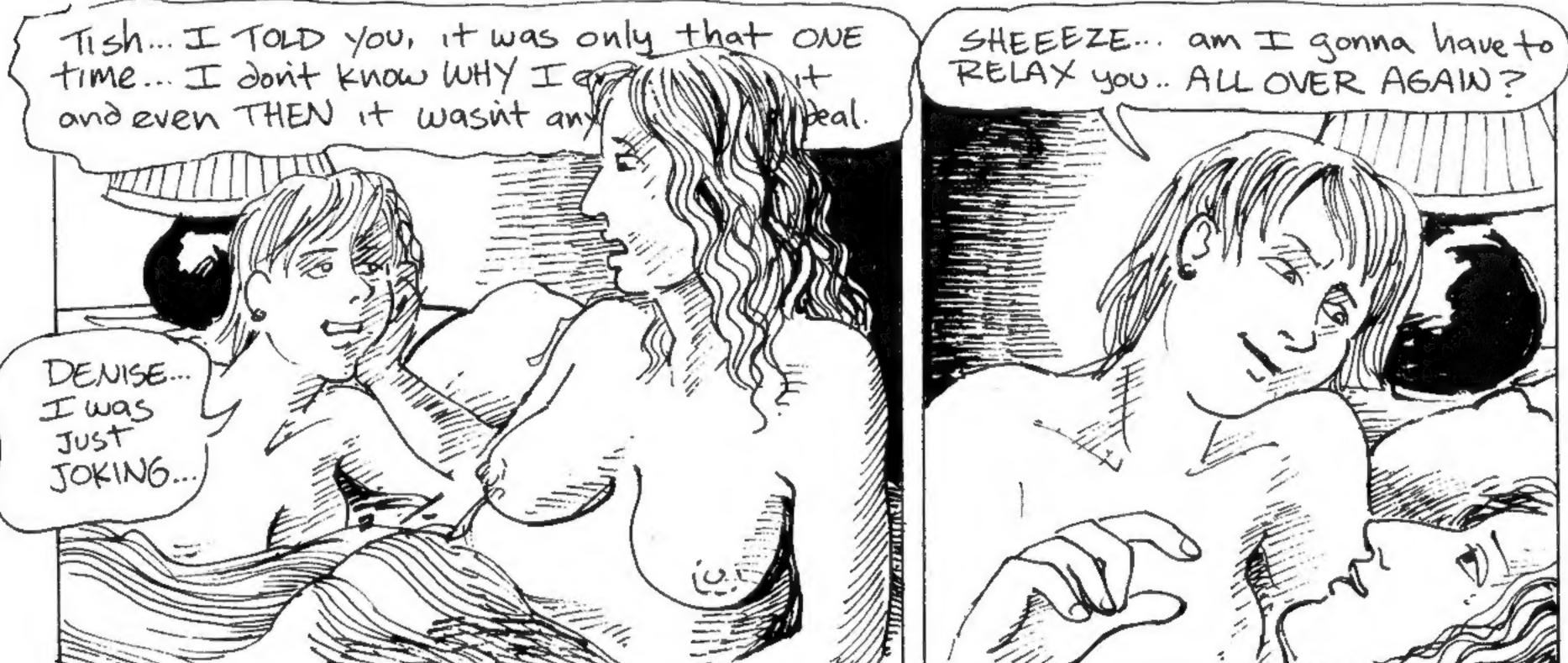


Chapter Nine







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And after THAT there's a women's softball game at Northend Park...

you can meet some of my Friends ...

well, maybe for a... LITTLE...
... coupled hours...



Jim SO glad you didn't go away for Good, Tish... everyone makes a LITTLE mistake once in awhile...

- and THEN it turns out that Dawnfire is really the DAUGHTER of the Empress. she could've been switched at birth by the Count... or maybe if it was BRIGID, I could tie it into the Plot to overthrow.





Hope you've been having a -- Good TIME. Devise ..

... Sure SOUNDS (ike it!

Nice to know I didn't interfere with your eternal quest for ... SEXUAL GRATIFICATION ...



-- Or -- WHATEVER it was I was doing ...

-- for someone who wasnit "into" men, she sure seemed to know what she was DOING --- FUCKIN' WOMEN --- TURN on you like



Well- year. There ARE a lot of guys like mitch ... - I guess -

of course... JENNIFER .... little lying whore ....

She Probably pulled some shit on MITCH, too .-

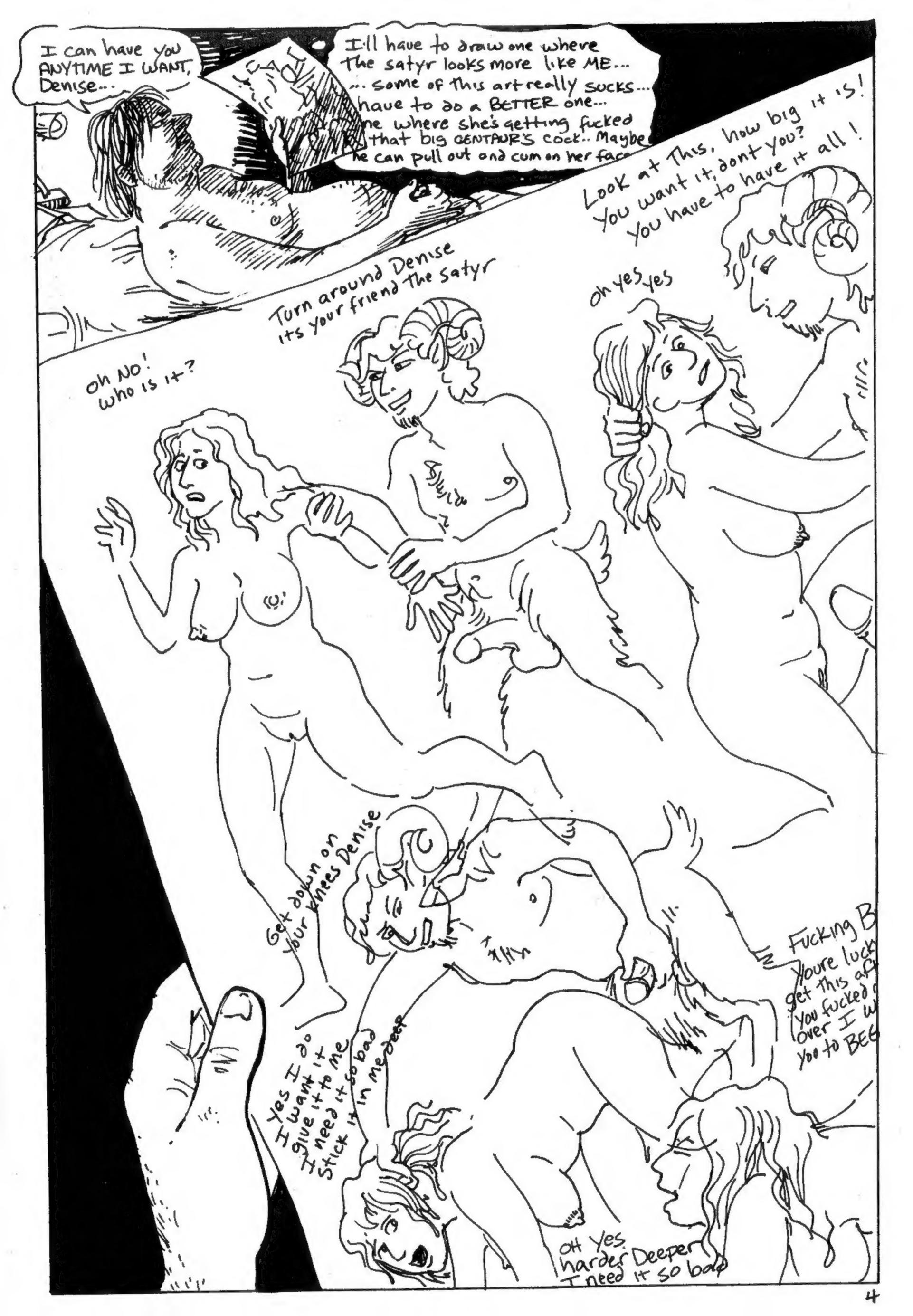


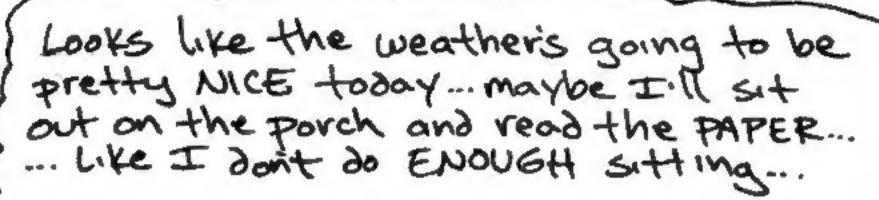
Well. Denise sure ... bounced back to her ... WOMEN pretty easily... ODD how she can Just ... Do That ..



Come HERE, Devise .... Show us your pretty .. FACE ..

Money if I did a ... PORNO COME! Shit ... everyone ELSE is doing it why the fuck NOT?





Maybe I ought to go out on a WALK... or.. maybe even down to the LAKE and get some SERIOUS exercise..











I know a good place we can go.. and it's on the way to the park!



GREAT... I Just SPEUT )
THE NIGHT with Denise
McDermott, and now I.m
going out to BREAKFAST
with Ner:

Hope somebody I know sees us there!





I.. guess I REALLY ought to stay IN today...

get some sketching

done ... do something

CONSTRUCTIVE ...

Fucking BITCH...

No WONDER guys are always saying that shit about women ...



SORRY I wasn't fucking BIG enough for you. DEWSE...
TELL the WORLD! shit!
Fucking WHORES think they've got us guys by the "BALLS... HUH?"



-well, not while I've still got. THESE ...



AND THIS SMATCH

OKAY, fillycia, let's spreadem'
NICE and WIDE. Flat on your
BACK, you little WHORE.. show us
everything you GOT, Bitch..
howzabout we split open your
GUT an' flash some of your
luscious, Juicy ENTRAILS...



An' now it's your turn, Ewenice ... (et's slit your THROAT Like the stupid Piece of MEAT you ARE... You can BLEED right into your girlfriend's CUNT...













But, FUTURESTORM
really helped inspire
this big project I:VE
been working on... I
got about eighty pages
Finished and I REALLY
think I might be able
to find a publisher....

unnh.. would.. You like to see it? Maybe tell me what you think... AND IDEALS...
AND A... DISGUSTING

AND A... DISGUSTING LOAD OF SELF-CONFIDENCE...

Sure .-

TOTALLY an animal comic would've been a MISTAKE, SO I used the animals characters strictly for the surreal sequences. I like using them and I THINK I've gotten pretty good at DRAWING them...

Hoh... Looks pretty good...

EVERYTHING ELSE!



BUNGS

Here's my Sketchbook- I was designing some of the bad guys on the BUS. I was sort of disorganized and left my GOOD pens at home so most of this stuff was done with a BALLPOINT... these first dozen or so pages aren't very good.

And I was Jotting down some ideas for a ... Look:

MINISERIES or two... Look:

How do you like HER?

You wouldn't want HER

to get mad at you...

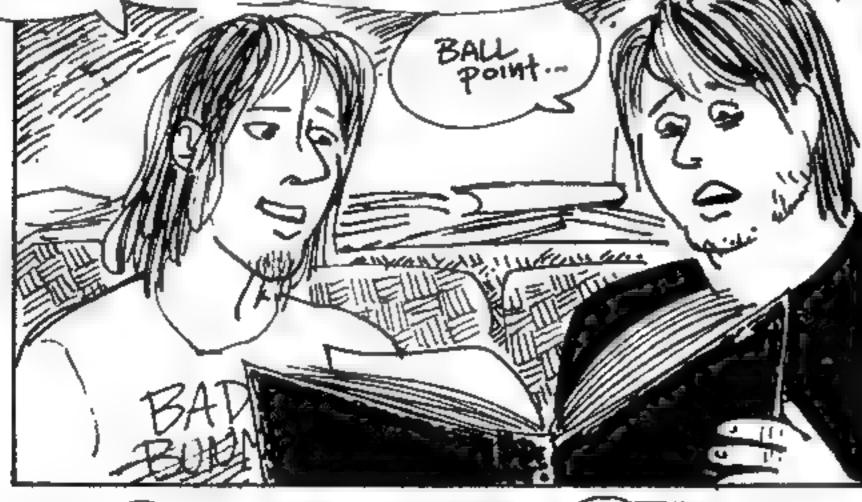
It's really rather

SATIRICAL... it's not as

Violent as it Looks...

He makes It look so -EASY...

Maybe I'm Doing the... Wrong THING With My (ife ...





SICK of looking at all this stuff... KIDDING.

Jid Like to see Some of Your work... Do you have any Futurestorm originals?



HERE'S what I like... how you're so good at making these critters Body what sort of animal they are.. it really influenced some of my comus... but I wasn't trying to rip you off or...

Uh. Some of these LATER boards don't have Quite so much whiteout on em.

So, what ELSE
have you been
working on?
Back when you
answered my letter
you mentioned all
these PLOT IDEAS...
I'd LOVE to see
"APOCALYPSE WHEN?"
... and.. "BLACK HOLE
Sounded HILARIOUS...

uell... mmm Not a whole Lot...

well...mm
I...was
Thinking
of doin...
ADULT
Comic"





These are JUST SOME IDEAS ...

M'KNOW ... somethin'

to make a

Well, FIRST OFF, I think you're going to have a MAJOR Problem with this THOO I ... UAMOW think you're ALLOWED to have women who look ... NORMAL in these comics...

well... y'know... its hard sometimes to figure out what the guys who actually Buy these comics are into ...

Well .. I guess it's okay to let you see some of My dirty pactures, now .... whh ...

Keepin mind, now, that I don't show these to Just ANYBODY ... uh ...





Naturally ... it's TEN TIMES better than anything I'D 20... All in LUSCIOUS DETAIL, too .. shit .. kind of makes you want to reach out and Touch some of these...

I know this stuff doesn't have a lot of COMMERCIAL Potential ... but It was a without lot of fun to DRAW ... ! Waita minute....

SHIT ..

oh,

SHIT.

oh,

SHIT.

I wasn't gonna BRING Ithis one at first .... These are all... Dunno what's worse .... GUYS!! MOM finding this, or some FANBOY Flippin at cuz he's afraid seein' this stofil give him



A BONER!

Shit. whats he DOING to him?

I think THAT'S a girl...

-. What's SHE \_ doing to HIM?

I actually managed to SELL some of these to one of those GAY magazines ... they really liked these ones with the .. HORSES! They wanted me to do more with some ... HUMAN goys but That seems Sort of ... I DONNO .. COMMON ..



course, I had to use a PSEUDONYM ... YOU KNOW how weird people get ... I guess I can do a lot of ... MAINSTREAM COMICS for awhile and save up a bunch of money and then do more of this stuff I REALLY like ... Now, THESE are my FAVORITES ...



















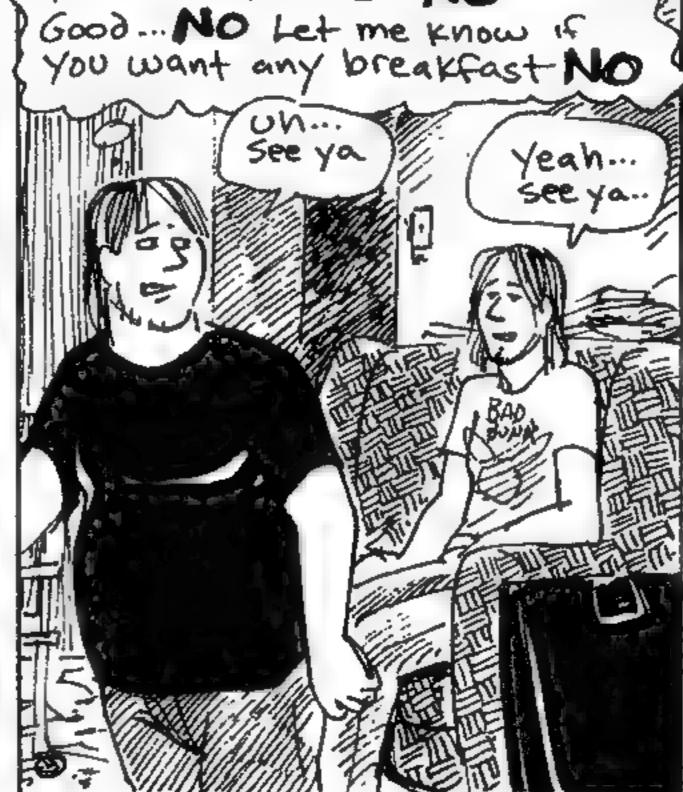












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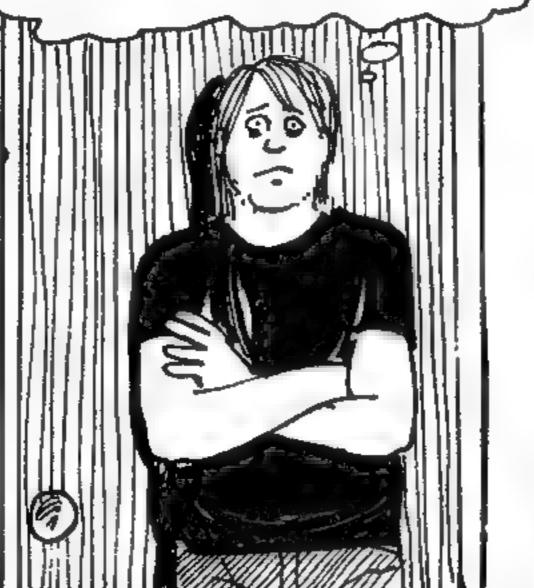




I'M NOT ... I'M NOT ... I'M NOT ... I'M NOT ... I... CAN'T be...

I've got ... ENOUGH Problems ALREADY ...

PLEASE, GOD ..



I ... SHOULD have beaten him into a bloody PULP JUST for TOUCHING me .... I guess ..

But ... I .- LET him ...

... I ... I ...



Well -- YEAH ... he's a Goy ... .. a Guy would know how to get another guy off.. Makes SENSE ..

Things like this just sort of ... HAPPEN ...



It Tust sort of ... HAPPENED with me ... Maybe there 15 .... ... something .... No ...

I ... LIKE women ... ... maybe not LATELY ... .. but ...



I think it really bothered him that .. it bothered ME ... ... it's not like he's ....

I .. sorta LIKED him ...

... quess I better NOT ...



I Just resented the SHIT out of him cause he's ten years YOUNGER than me and ten times more TALENTED ... out and ASK him...



Hope he doesn't try coming IN here ....

- Wonder if I got exposed to AIDS ....



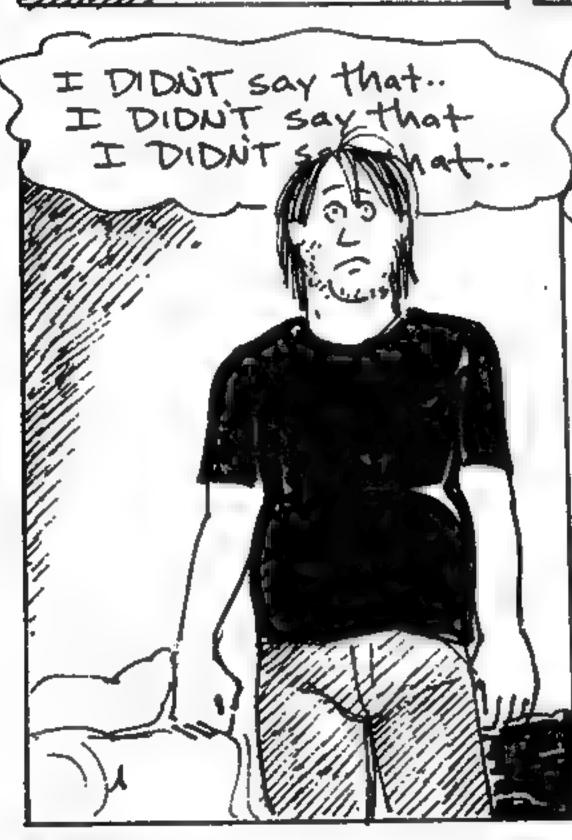
SWELL! NOW I'M going to have to listen to THEM ...





This is Stupid...he's just another GUY... yeah... that's the MAJOR problem... SHIT... He seemed like a regular enough guy... I can... communicate with him.... Not like the way it is with these stupid women...

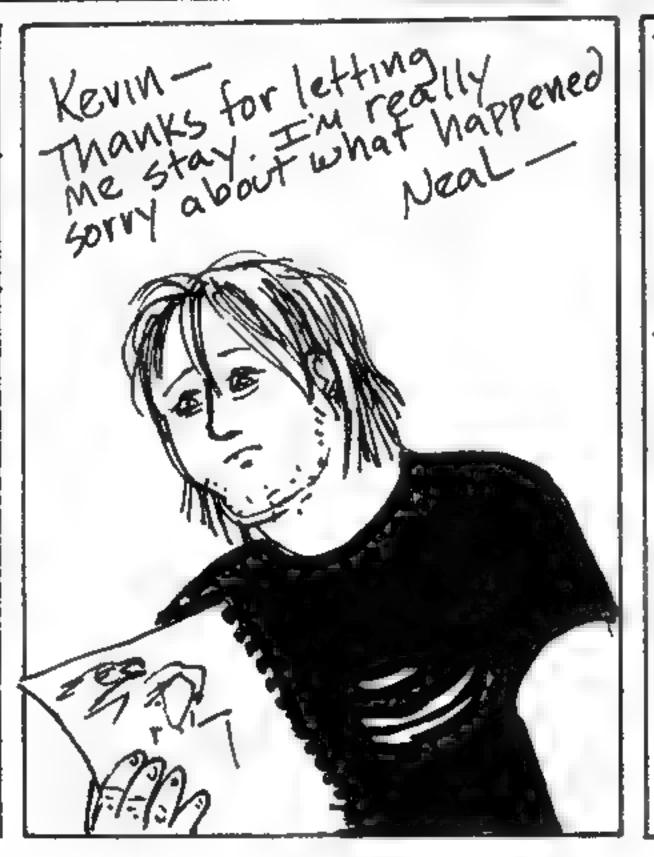


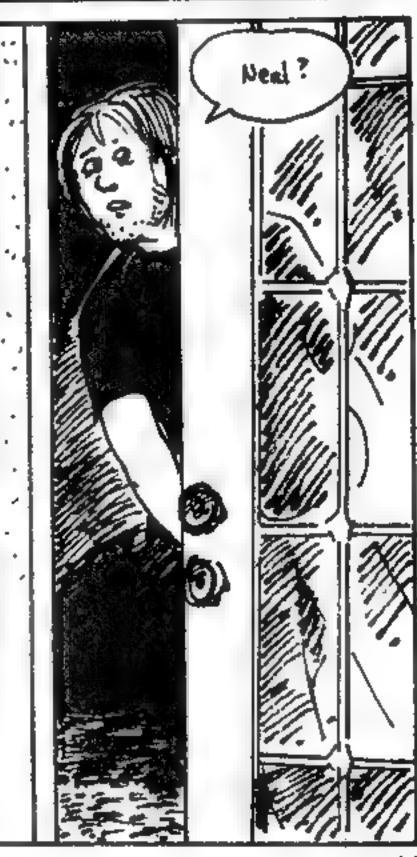












Well... I guess that's the last II.ve seen of NEAL...

Hope he wasn't real...
UPSET or anything...

Maybe I should write to him when he gets back to ... Kentucky or wherever .... or ... maybe I ... SHOULDN'T .!.

I guess this all wasn't...
THAT big a deal...I. GUESS!
DON'T think you can get.
AIDS from someones... SPIT!
Neal was just a poor, mixed-up
KID... don't think I'm odligated
to start chasing Boys, now...
I don't even know anybody
else whose





else whois

-except DENISE ... shit. She told her GIRLFRIEND about ... she'll tell the whole NEIGHBORHOOD

not like

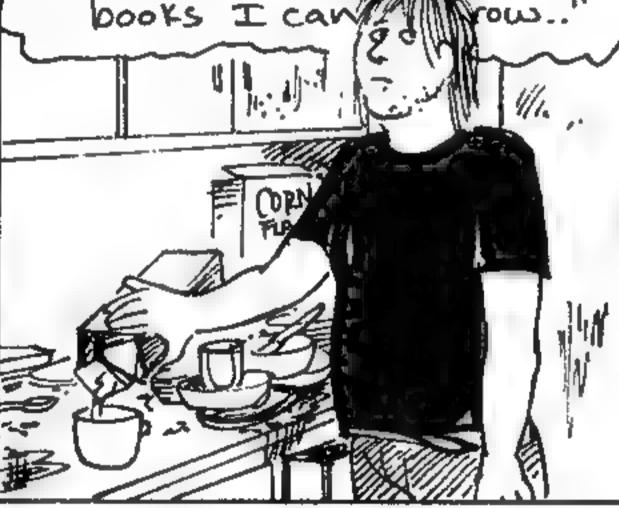
I AM...

John.

"Denise.. I know this guy who wants to ..." NO

"Denise, this guy I know needs some information..."

Denise, do you have any books I can how..."















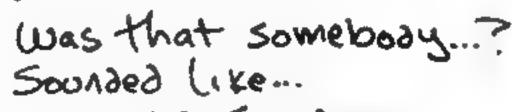
## Chapter Thirteen

"SNUFF" COMICS....

Scarything is, itid
Probably SELL...

Maybe I could get somewhere with these..
"Denise" comics... Maybe if I skinnied HER UP...
Made her look like someone else... shit...





- BEFORE ...

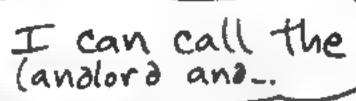
































Like THAT'S a big

FUCK HER ....

FUCKING DYKE ..



I KNEW she always thought she was so much BETTER than me... well....

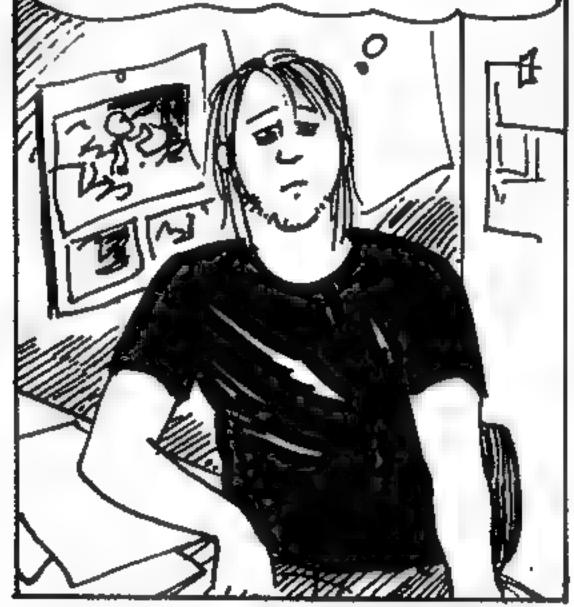
AT LEAST I got to SCREW her!

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THAT'S something I...
GOT from her ... somethin's she'll never forget!



-and shes PROBABLY been telling all of her DYKE friends how....
- PATHETIC I was!



Shit .. I Au pathetic ...

LOOK at this...



YEARS of art classes. I remember when it was so...

SPECIAL to find the time to draw something just because I.. WANTED to...

So.. NOW I can draw WHATEVER I want...

ANYTIME I want...



I used to think I was such HOT SHIT ...

NOW I can see how ...
TOTALLY FUCKED UP
I am ....

IN BLACK AND WHITE ...



-- Maybe I can just ...
DIE .... and START OVER
--- someplace -

yeah. Like that HAPPENS ....



I just deserve to ... DIE! Go STRAIGHT to HELL ...

of there is such a place ... SHIT ... there SHOULD











I. . UNh .. MISSED MY BUS here, an the next one workt be til ... I think Ten in the morning ...

Uhhhhhh. Say No ...



That's a REAL crappy part of town.

THANK YOU ... uhhh--Kevin .. I. Yeah ... SWEAR TO GOD I WON'T .... ... Uh .. see you.

KNOW...







SHIT .- he sounded sort of WEIRD .. I guess I can throw him out if he... He IS kind of SCRAWNY ... He ... SAID he wouldn't .... can you TRUST These homos? He sure sounded STRANGE .- Hope there's nothing WRONG ... Maybe I just should've told him "NO"... Maybe if I don't answer the door he'll just ... Go AWAY ... No ... he probably won't try anything. .. of course, nothing stopped him from trying something BEFORE..









SHIT... what if he has AIDS? He could be contaminating My bathroom RIGHT NOW...



So, the bus came in a little late... and we were going to get a ten-minute stop... an' I was REAL. Stiff after SITTING for five hours.. so I thought I'd WALK a few minutes... maybe a couple blocks... it LOOKED okay..

.. an' after a few MINUTES, I sorta felt these Z guys Kind of... FOLLOWING Me... an I heard one of them say "Faggot"... so, I... shit... decided I better get back to the bus... FAST... so, I turned down this alley... an' RAW... an' they... an' this FENCE... an' I tried to... an' the one guy GRABBED Me an' Then the... OTHER guy.... an' then I was Down an' they... an' ONE of em...

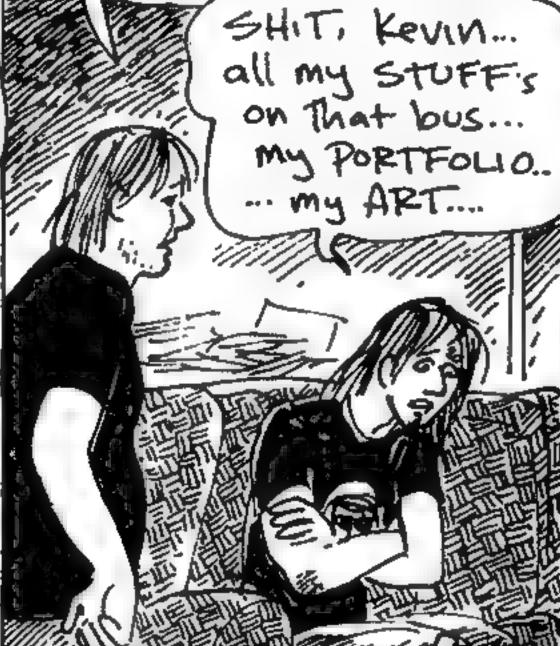






I was gonna be one DEAD FAGGOT an' I got Loose an' got up an' RAN up to the next street an' finally I guess I Lost em but when I got back to the bus station, my Bus had left...
... so, that's when I called...

There IS one of those ...
gay bars down by the
bus terminal ... some guy
got ... SHOT... (ast week ...



you supe you're okay...?

Maybe somebody!

turn it in to Lost





Oh. MAN, my head hurts. -Uhhh... it okay with you IF I Just ... LIE DOWN For a little bit ...?

M... Maybe there's some NUMBER I Can call... see if anybody found it... Wishit I could remember what the next stop was gonna...



So... OTHERWISE ... YOU're perfectly HEALTHY, hun? No More ... BLEEDING? ... No ... No ... INFECTIONS or ... or ...



DON'T WORRY, KEUIN-I DIDN'T "GIVE YOU" anything and I DIDN'T contaminate Your BATHROOM ... You have NOTHING to Worry about ...



I'm sore you know where all Your artwork is .- SHIT..

I gotta get back to that bus station ... I ... guess I was REALLY Stupid to call you just now...

where's my JACKET ...?



Give me SOME credit. I wasn't giving out BLOWJOBS at the Con, if that's what you're worried about. And I DON'T go around doing it back HOME, either...like there's a lot of opportunity for... for... ohich SHIT!



SOKAY ..

Pleasan...

a'nite ...

UNh. Neal. I'm going back in the... to do a bit of DRAWING... an' an' It worit bother me if you... STAY.. I. Think you need to take It... EASY.. uh.



the out of here first thing in the morning ... I'm.

Sorry... sorry I ever bothered you... Sorry I was such an ... ASSHOLE...





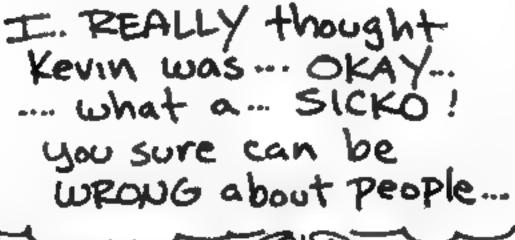






That was supposed to be ... ME!

And... that stuff with those ... ANMAL GIRLS ...



Especially MEN! shit...

I keep treating them

Like they're.. HUMAN!

Nothing but.. Fuck MACHINES...

Ambulatory DICKS!

REALLY TWISTED Ideas about women ...





Women.

LIKE - KEVIN ...
SHIT ...
AND I .. LET him ...
FUCK Me ...
WHAT AN IDIOT!!!

These guys are DANGEROUS...
They kill women ALL the TIME..
EVERY DAY... in the news...
Some guy kills his WIFE...
--- kills his GIRLFRIEND...
'cause she tried to LEAVE hm...
"They... STALK women...

You don't see women killing MEN unless the guys been ABUSING her for YEARS or something... These... MEN are all that STRAIGHT WOMEN have







what have I been -. THINKING?

- and I let him ....
Touch me just now ...

And he's living RIGHT DOWNSTAIRS... Shit!
... What if I come
HOME some time and
he's IN here....
.... WAITING for me!

Poor Tish... she's been hurt so Much by men in her life... ... and I'm still living here after she knows what went on with me an Kevin... I'm just TORTURING her every day I STAY here...







And. I was GOING to do some writing tonight... yeah, RIGHT! I SHOULD'VE been over at HER Place... like she wanted...



"She SAID IT WAS "OK".
BUT I KNOW She felt
really hurt ...

I'm such a fucking SELFISH BITZH...



-And. I'm THROWING IT all AWAY Just because of some ... STUPID MAN...

They fuck EVERYTHING UP. don't they?

WARS ... CRIME ... MURDERS ..



Tish really LOVES me ... Im not getting any -- YOUNGER ... or ... THINNER ...

Yeah, sure, she can be a real BITCH sometimes ...



But .. It's MOSTLY because of all that ABUSE she went through as a kid ...

Shes really TRYING... -- POOT TISH!



I. GUESS well just have to AGREE on some things... Ill have my OWN room ...

Maybe I can use it just for my STUDY ... for my writing ...



14'S so HARD to sleep in the same room I do all my WRITING IN ... -- so hard to RELAX!

That's why I like THIS place so much ....



I guess we'd sleep in the OTHER bedroom ... Shell just have to AGREE to let me have the time to do my writing ...

IT MIGHT WORK out ...



if only she was just a little less ...

.... NEEDY!



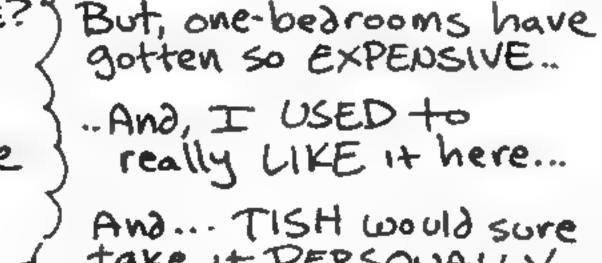
Shit. I've been getting so much writing done lately .. it's been so NICE!

- Except for Tish being so ... PISSY about me not seeing her as much ...



But, do I have a CHOICE? STAY here with that ... .. MONSTER downstairs? MAYBE I could just move

to ANOTHER Place ... .. by MYSELF ...





But, making SACRIFICES 15 part of the PRICE IF you want a relationship to work out ... shit ..

why does it always have to BE this way?



why does life have to be so ... FUCKED UP?

Just when things were going so. 6000 ...

It's all turned to .. SHIT.



why can't what I love to Do be .. IMPORTANT to people... why can't things be DIFFERENT? -... BETTER ? Like it is with the

--- KENTARI -. . . ..









WELL, after 3 years, here's issue 2 ... an nobody's happier to see this in print Than ME, lemme tell ya ... OBVIOUSLY there's an issue number 3 comin along. I'm NOT gonna just leave the story hangin here... AND It! be SOONER than 3 years From now ... HONEST!!!

What I ORIGINALLY wanted to do was publish it all as a BOOK once I got part 3 Finished, but that Probably would a been next YEAR The way things have been goin'-... and I don't think I could'e PUT UP WITH ANOTHER YEAR OF:

.. "When's the next issue of Artistic Licentiousness coming out?" so HERE It IS ... cliffhangerish ending an ALL! You'll ALSO notice That I SELF PUBLISHED IT TUISTIME. PARTLY CUZ I wanted to Make a bit more MONEY than last time.





.. when the first issue was Published by Starhead Comix... What little profit I got. I put back into printing extra copies that I've been peddlin' mostly one-by-one these last 3 Years. YES, I'm still on good speaking terms with "Misker Starhead"... an' STILL grateful for his initial support!

Well. sales on THIS issue ended up being WORSE than the sales on #1...an that was early 1991... BEFORE I act to be the infamous Naughty Bits superstar ... = Koff-Koff : an got those ominations on the rave review of AL# In Comics Journal #147 ... GO FIGURE, hoh?

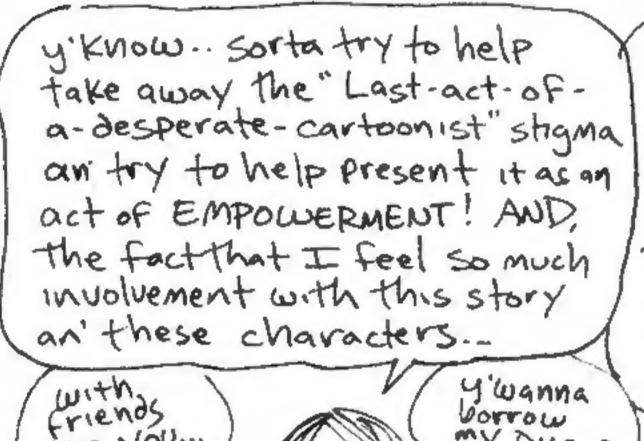
.. but I STILL got a bunch of extra copies that I'm gonna end up pedalin' one-by-one over the next 3 years. and THEN some!



BESIDES, I ALSO wanted to help set a positive example of self-publishing ....



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like you...

So. THANKS to all of you who gave me such heartfelt feed. back on Issue #1 ... especially some o' you Guys who wrote' such cool letters, MANY of which I never answered cuz I was gonna write you for permission to print em in THIS issue an'... it got to be 3 years .. an ... um ..



AND, thanks to ALL of YOU who've been so supportive... Heck, even Just Buying these comix o' mine! Well after a bit o' well-earned GRATIFICATION at the completion of THIS. It's ON to LICENTIOUSNESS #3... ar all my OTHER creative endeavors! You'd think it was .- BETTER THAN SEX or sumthin like that!



If by any chance you happened to miss ARMSTIC LICENTIOUSNESS # 1, well, there's STILL plenty of copies available for #3.00 postpaid (#4.00 overseas) plus an "OVER 18" age statement,

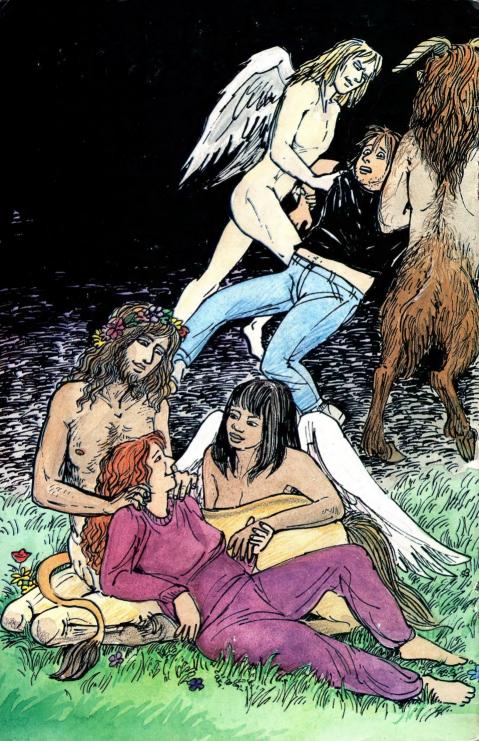
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MY DILDO?

And, if you already have THAT, then send me a self-addressed stamped envelope for a catalog of all the OTHER Things I've published over the last 18 years. 150- Page books to minicomics about sheep!

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